
Office of Public Instruction

Gifted and Talented State Grant Program

The Gifted and Talented State Grant program provides supplemental support for gifted and talented services in public schools. Currently 6% or 8,686 of Montana's 145,416 students have been identified as gifted and talented. Since 1996, the biennial appropriation has been \$300,000. All Montana school districts are eligible to apply for funds, which are then distributed among successful applicants. Functions of the program include:



Evaluates annually approximately 100 applications from school districts for Gifted and Talented grants, distributing funds and monitoring schools awarded



Hosts training for teachers and administrators in using the best education practice for meeting state standards for Gifted and Talented Programs



Conducts site visits to school districts to assist schools in ways to best serve our gifted and talented students



Collects information on the numbers of Montana students identified as gifted and talented at every grade level to better serve students



Works cooperatively with the Montana Association of Gifted and Talented Education (AGATE) to maximize limited resources available for gifted and talented programs



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